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SUBJECT: BAHRAINI LAWMAKERS VISIT FIFTH FLEET HQ

Classified By: Ambassador Adam Erel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (SBU) Summary: Ambassador and U.S. Fifth Fleet Commander met with members of the Shura Council's Foreign Affairs, Defense, and National Security Council.
2. (C) Six members of Bahrain's (appointed) upper house of parliament, the Shura Council, met with Ambassador and VADM Gortney at NAVCENT HQ on 27 February 2010.
3. (SBU) Comment: While the presence of the U.S. Navy is supported by the leadership and generally accepted matter-of-factly by the Bahraini population, the visit is also a demonstration of the U.S. Navy's commitment to the Gulf region.